Representative Greg Walden Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce

First elected 18 years ago, Rep. Greg Walden represents the people of Oregon's Second Congressional District, which includes 20 counties in central, southern, and eastern Oregon. Walden, 59, is a lifelong Oregonian whose ancestors came to Oregon by wagon train in 1845.

He and his wife Mylene celebrated 34 years of marriage in August 2016, and make their home in Hood River where they've been small business owners since 1986. Their son, Anthony graduated from Hood River Valley High School and Wake Forest University. His parents are graduates of the University of Oregon.

Walden and his wife spent more than two decades as radio station owners in the Gorge. He's also a licensed amateur radio operator (W7EQI). He puts that small business and technology experience to work as chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. In this role, he has worked to pass legislation to grow American jobs by expanding access to wireless broadband, spur new U.S. technology and innovation, and protect the Internet from government control.

In November 2016, Greg became the Chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.